

## **Program A: Wildlife**

### **OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

Unless otherwise indicated, all objectives are to be accomplished during or by the end of FY 2002-2003. Performance indicators are made up of two parts: name and value. The indicator name describes what is being measured. The indicator value is the numeric value or level achieved within a given measurement period. For budgeting purposes, performance indicators are shown for the prior fiscal year, the current fiscal year, and alternative funding scenarios (continuation budget level and Executive Budget recommendation level) for the ensuing fiscal year of the budget document.

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1. (KEY) To assess and implement management plans that enhance/maintain habitat and provide public access on 1.5 million acres of Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges across the state.

Strategic Link: This operational objective is linked to the Strategic Objective 1: To provide wise stewardship on 100% of our Wildlife Management Areas and Refuge systems' lands including performing maintenance or access enhancements of at least 8% of the land base and 90% of the road/trail areas each year through FY 2006-2007; Strategic Objective 3: To annually exceed by 1% the long-term (1990-99) national trend of resident and non-resident hunting license holders through the year 2007 to provide funding for wildlife management and education programs that enhance wildlife habitats and foster a greater appreciation of natural environments and the impact of habitat degradation, and the Office of Wildlife goal of providing optimum distribution and densities of wildlife populations.

Louisiana: Vision 2020 Link: This operational objective links to Objective 3.5 - To preserve, develop, promote and celebrate Louisiana's natural and cultural assets for their recreational and aesthetic values.

Children's Cabinet Link: Not Applicable

Other Link(s): Not Applicable

Explanatory Note:

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		YEAREND PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2000-2001	ACTUAL YEAREND PERFORMANCE FY 2000-2001	ACT 12 PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2001-2002	EXISTING PERFORMANCE STANDARD FY 2001-2002	AT CONTINUATION BUDGET LEVEL FY 2002-2003	AT RECOMMENDED BUDGET LEVEL FY 2002-2003
K	Areas Conserved	1,360,000	1,432,000	1,406,000	1,406,000	1,432,000	1,500,000
K	Acres Actively Managed	140,000	152,200	148,000	148,000	148,000	148,000
K	Man Days of Recreation	900,000	730,000	900,000	900,000	900,000	800,000
K	Miles of Access Roads/Trails Maintained <sup>1</sup>	Not Applicable	880	Not Applicable	880 <sup>6</sup>	880 <sup>3</sup>	880
S	Acres per Full-Time Technician Staff <sup>4</sup>	Not Applicable	20,050	Not Applicable	20,050 <sup>6</sup>	20,050 <sup>5</sup>	20,050

<sup>1</sup> Maintenance may require work on the same portion of a road/trail more than 1 time per year; however, the value reported only represents the first time maintenance is performed that year.

<sup>2</sup> A WMA permit (for fee) was required of hunters for the first time during FY 2000-2001. Additionally, the Department began an effort to sample users in a more systematic manner in FY 1999-2000. Personnel limitations have reduced the ability to sample in this manner. The reduction from FY 1999-2000's actual (799,000) also may be in part a reflection of decreased sampling. Most department areas are going to a user permit check-in-out system to reduce the need for estimations and allow personnel to concentrate on other management activities.

<sup>3</sup> Value recorded during FY 2000-2001.

<sup>4</sup> Full-Time Technicians assigned to Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges based on head count.

<sup>5</sup> Value recorded during FY 2000-2001 based on end-of-year acres (1,432,000)/technician head count assigned to areas (68).

<sup>6</sup> This is an estimate only and not a standard.

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2. (KEY) To provide 6.7 million man days of hunting recreation annually commensurate with sound biological management.

Strategic Link: This operational objective is linked to the Strategic Objective 1: To provide wise stewardship on 100% of our Wildlife Management Areas and Refuge systems' lands including performing maintenance or access enhancements of at least 8% of the land base and 90% of the road/trail areas each year through FY 2006-2007; Strategic Objective 3: To annually exceed by 1% the long-term (1990-99) national trend of resident and non-resident hunting license holders through the year 2007 to provide funding for wildlife management and education programs that enhance wildlife habitats and foster a greater appreciation of natural environments and the impact of habitat degradation, and the Office of Wildlife goal of providing optimum distribution and densities of wildlife populations.

Louisiana: Vision 2020 Link: This operational objective links to Objective 3.5 - To preserve, develop, promote and celebrate Louisiana's natural and cultural assets for their recreational and aesthetic values.

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K	Number of Written or Oral Tech. Asst. <sup>1</sup>	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	16,000 <sup>7</sup>	16,000 <sup>4</sup>	16,000 <sup>4</sup>
K	Acres Enhanced <sup>2</sup>	Not Applicable	3,300,000	Not Applicable	3,300,000 <sup>7</sup>	3,300,000 <sup>5</sup>	3,300,000 <sup>5</sup>
S	Number of requests for Information Answered <sup>3</sup>	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	120,000 <sup>7</sup>	120,000 <sup>6</sup>	120,000 <sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> An assistance includes any documentation, written or verbal, that is necessary to adequately address the issue or concern. It is recognized that some responses may only take a few minutes while others may take considerable more, including on-site inspections. However, because of the volume of requests, the few minute ones constitute a considerable amount of the technical personnel's time; therefore, no differentiation is made between the types of responses. The total responses provide a better indicator of staff activity. This differs from the PI of "Number of Requests for Information Answered" in that it now focuses solely on requests of biological nature and is limited to the technical staff. Other contacts are included in the PI "Number of Requests for Information Answered"

<sup>2</sup> An acre is considered enhanced when technical assistance is given. The department does not have the staff to do on-site inspections of all requests. In the instance of hunting clubs or large properties, the entire acreage is considered enhanced when technical assistance is provided. Acreage is counted only one time per year even if assistance is given more than one time or for different reasons.

<sup>3</sup> This represents any requests for information answered by Office of Wildlife staff, such as "When does the deer season open....., How can I do....., What do I need for....?"

<sup>4</sup> This value was estimated based upon the estimated proportion of the 41,700 public contacts recorded by the technical staff during FY 2000-2001 that were considered to be biological in nature.

<sup>5</sup> This is the value that was recorded during FY 2000-2001.

<sup>6</sup> This value was estimated based on the estimated proportion of the 41,700 public contacts recorded by the technical staff during FY 2000-2001 that were considered to be non-biological in nature, plus the estimated number of contacts by non-technical staff.

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3. To annually enter 400 new or updated Element Occurrence Records (EORs) in our nongame, rare, threatened and endangered species database showing the location and status of one of the species of special concern in Louisiana.

Strategic Link:

*Louisiana: Vision 2020* Link: To preserve, develop, promote and celebrate Louisiana's natural and cultural assets for their recreation and aesthetic values.

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K	Number of new or updated EORs entered	Not Applicable	538	Not Applicable	400 <sup>1</sup>	400	400
S	Number of Nuisance Black Bear problems acted upon	Not Applicable	48	Not Applicable	50 <sup>1</sup>	50	50
S	Number of man-days expended on biological surveys on populations of non-game, rare, threatened and endangered species and native plants	Not Applicable	117	Not Applicable	120 <sup>1</sup>	120	120
S	Number of nuisance Animal Control Operators and Nuisance Animal Control Permits issued	Not Applicable	136	Not Applicable	120 <sup>1</sup>	120	120
S	Number of Wildlife Rehabilitator Permits issued	Not Applicable	59	Not Applicable	50 <sup>1</sup>	50	50
	Number of Scientific Collecting Permits issued <sup>2</sup>	80	55	Not Applicable	60 <sup>1</sup>	60	60

<sup>1</sup> This is an estimate only and not a standard.

<sup>2</sup> NOTE: Only the number of Scientific Collecting Permits were standard in FY 2001. All of the other indicators are new for FY 2002 and beyond. Although not required, all of the above indicators were measured and recorded. The continuation level projections are based upon those data.

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4. To achieve, annually, at least acre-for-acre, in-kind mitigation or equivalent compensation for all unavoidable damages to fish and wildlife habitat resulting from projects.

Strategic Link: This operational objective is identical to strategic objective 4. Annually achieve at least acre-for-acre, in-kind mitigation or equivalent compensation for all unavoidable damages to fish and wildlife habitat resulting from projects impacting regulated wetlands and riparian wildlife habitat.

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K	Ratio of area of mitigation or compensation/area of unavoidable impact less than/equal to one	Not Applicable	1	Not Applicable	1 <sup>1</sup>	1	1
S	Number of public notices received for review <sup>2</sup>	1,500	2,062	Not Applicable	1,500	1,500	1,500
S	Number of written comments issued on permit notices, and projects containing mitigation recommendations	Not Applicable	676	Not Applicable	500 <sup>1</sup>	500	500
S	Number of Scenic River Permit applications received	Not Applicable	24	Not Applicable	20 <sup>1</sup>	20	20
S	Number of Scenic River Permits issued with mitigation requirements	Not Applicable	24	Not Applicable	20 <sup>1</sup>	20	20

<sup>1</sup> This is an estimate only and not a standard.

<sup>2</sup> NOTE: Only the number of permit notices received for review were standard in FY 2001. All other indicators are new for FY 2002 and beyond. Although not required, all of the above indicators were measured and the continuation level projections are passed upon existing collected data.

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5. During FY 2002-2003, the Wildlife Program will manage and promote wise utilization of the alligator resources of the state to provide species protection and conservation and where appropriate, maximize sustainable annual harvest of 32,000 wild and 180,000 farm raised alligators.

Strategic Link: This operational objective is linked to the Office of Wildlife goal of providing optimum distribution and densities of wildlife populations.

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K	Wild Alligators Harvested	32,000	33,633	32,000	32,000	32,000	32,000
K	Farm Alligators Harvested (tags issued) <sup>1</sup>	200,000	236,072	180,000	180,000	180,000	180,000
S	Farm Alligators Released to the Wild <sup>2</sup>	48,000	47,404	Not Applicable	40,000 <sup>4</sup>	40,000	30,000 <sup>5</sup>
S	Alligator Eggs Collected <sup>3</sup>	Not Applicable	280,406	Not Applicable	300,000 <sup>4</sup>	300,000	300,000

<sup>1</sup> Drought conditions during 2000 reduced alligator egg production and will result in a reduction in farmed hides sold during FY 2001-2002.

<sup>2</sup> The number of farm alligators released to the wild is projected to decrease due to a reduction in the base return rate from 17% to 14%.

<sup>3</sup> New indicator for FY 2002. Estimate based upon number of eggs collected in FY 2000. 2001 figures are not in yet, but projected to be about 300,000.

<sup>4</sup> This is an estimate only and not a standard.

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6. (KEY) To manage and promote wise utilization of the furbearer resources of the state to provide species protection and conservation and where appropriate, maximize sustainable annual harvest of 75,000 furbearers.

Strategic Link: This operational objective is linked to the Office of Wildlife goal of providing optimum distribution and densities of wildlife populations.

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K	Total Furbearers Harvested <sup>1</sup>	150,000	57,433	120,000	120,000	75,000	325,000
K	Nutria Harvested	120,000	29,544	Not Applicable	40,000 <sup>3</sup>	40,000	300,000
K	Acres Impacted by Nutria Herbivory <sup>2</sup>	100,000	60,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000

<sup>1</sup> The actual number of furbearers harvested (including nutria) was lower than anticipated due to continued lack of demand and low pelt value. Projections for FY 2002-2003 have been reduced to correspond to current and projected market conditions.

<sup>2</sup> Due to low nutria harvest, damage to coastal marshes from nutria is expected to remain at 100,000 acres.

<sup>3</sup> This is an estimate only and not a standard.

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GENERAL PERFORMANCE INFORMATION:					
PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES				
	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1996-97	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1997-98	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1998-99	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 1999-00	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL FY 2000-01
Deer harvested <sup>1</sup>		267,600	243,400	267,500	244,800
Turkeys harvested <sup>1</sup>		9,200	8,000	8,300	Not available
Harvest per hunter season for: <sup>1,2</sup>					
Ducks		36.4	39.8	35.1	33.3
Rabbits		12.4	11.2	11.3	9.9
Squirrels		19.2	19.0	18.9	16.2
Quail		9.3	12.3	11.2	14.4
Woodcocks		5.2	4.6	5.1	6.2
Doves		19.9	18.2	19.9	20.1
Percentage of all basic licensed hunters who: <sup>1,2</sup>					
Deer hunt		72.9	69.2	71.5	68.5
Squirrel hunt		43.8	43.5	44.9	38.1
Rabbit hunt		22.7	21.9	21.1	20.4
Quail hunt		1.6	1.1	1.3	39.2
Dove hunt		20.7	22.8	24.9	1.7
Woodcock hunt		2.0	1.8	1.9	2.8
Duck hunt		34.0	40.7	37.1	23.9

<sup>1</sup> Determined through department mail survey of licensed hunters.<sup>2</sup> Harvest per hunter with at least one animal harvested (except for deer hunters).